



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gary W. Johnson et al.

Attorney Docket No. : IL-11198

Serial No. : 10/676,450

Art Unit: 2613

Filed : September 30, 2003

Examiner: A. Bello

For : Fade-Resistant Forward Error Correction Method
For Free-Space Optical Communications Systems

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension fee for a three month extension (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) is \$1020. Applicant claims small entity status, and the resulting fee is \$510.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this fee (\$510) to Deposit Account Number 501913.

If any impediments remain, please contact the undersigned at 808-875-0012.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 26, 2007

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